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MEMORANDUM FOR: USIB Principals

SUBJECT : Proposed DCID 1/18 on Awards for
Intelligence Community Service

1. Attached for your comments and/or coordination is a draft of a proposed new DCID 1/18, "Recognition of Exceptional Service to the U.S. Intelligence Community."

2. This DCID would establish three separate awards to be made by the Director of Central Intelligence on the recommendation of the USIB for performance of duty which is considered to warrant recognition by the Community rather than by the parent organization of the person for whom the award is proposed.

3. Awards of this nature would be particularly appropriate for outstanding service performed by:

a. Intelligence personnel who, in the course of their activities within their individual organization, perform services considered to warrant recognition by the entire Community.

b. Chairmen and staff members of USIB Committees.

c. Members of the National Intelligence Officer structure.

d. Members of the Intelligence Community Staff.

4. You will note that the proposed awards for Community service do not include three types of medals or awards on the grounds that these are adequately covered by existing regulations within the individual departments and agencies:

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- a. Awards for exceptional valor
- b. Length of service awards
- c. Retirement recognition

5. Upon approval of DCID 1/18, the Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community will be charged with seeking the assistance of the U.S. Army Institute of Heraldry in developing the design for the Intelligence Community medals and appropriate ribbon bars and lapel buttons.

6. The Deputy to the DCI for the Intelligence Community also will be responsible for arrangements with the Department of Defense regarding the wearing of ribbon bars for Intelligence Community medals by military personnel on active duty.

7. Your comments and/or coordination on the proposed DCID 1/18 are requested within two weeks.



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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE DIRECTIVE NO. 1/18

RECOGNITION OF EXCEPTIONAL SERVICE TO THE
U.S. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY

1. Provision for honor and merit awards for exceptional service to the U.S. Intelligence Community is hereby established pursuant to the responsibilities assigned to the Director of Central Intelligence in NSCID No. 1 and to Public Law 83-763 which provides that the heads of departments and agencies may confer honor or monetary awards on those whose superior accomplishments or other personal efforts contribute to the efficiency, economy or other improvements of Government operations or who perform special acts or services in the public interest.

2. INTELLIGENCE COMMUNITY MEDALS AND AWARDS

Intelligence Community honor and merit awards to be conferred by the Director of Central Intelligence upon the recommendation of the United States Intelligence Board are as follows:

a. The National Intelligence Distinguished Service Medal may be awarded for distinguished meritorious service or achievement to the United States in a duty of great responsibility within the Intelligence Community, the outstanding accomplishment of which distinctly benefits the interests of the United States and constitutes a major contribution to the foreign intelligence mission of the Intelligence Community.

b. The National Intelligence Medal of Merit may be awarded for especially meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding service to the United States as a member of the Intelligence Community. The National Intelligence Medal of Merit recognizes performance of an extremely difficult duty in a clearly exceptional manner. The service being recognized must relate directly to improving the capability of the Intelligence Community to accomplish its mission to provide the intelligence required for national policies and the national security.

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